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# FLORISTAN GARDENS

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## Greeting

We have good news for you. You who had our last year's catalog will notice that many of our dahlias are quite a little less in price this year. This reduction in spite of rising production costs results from the wonderful root crop we enjoyed. It has cut our costs per root, and so we share this reduction with you.

We are introducing several new dahlias this year.

You will find these charming new dahlias described in the body of our catalog. We think you will enjoy them.

NEXT year we shall have at least TWO introductions we feel are outstanding. They are **FLORISTAN'S SNOW BRIDE** and **THE RED KNIGHT**. The first is a brilliant white and the second, a shaggy deep red. Both are huge; both are formal; both are gorgeous. More about them next year.



BOBBE DEANE

SOMETHING NEW YOU WILL ENJOY...

## OUR COLOR HARMONIZED COLLECTIONS

**B**ECAUSE drifts or masses of harmonizing colors in bloom are always more artistic and effective in a garden than a number of spotty, unrelated dots of color, we have chosen for your consideration, several groups of dahlias that look particularly well together. Each collection includes dahlias that blend in perfect color harmony, but which are varied in type. These collections not only will furnish enough bloom in a similar color to make an effective mass display in your garden, they will give you in beautifully blended shades, a wealth of cutting material in varied forms and sizes.

We believe you will have great pleasure from one or

more of these color harmonized collections in your garden. To help make them even more attractive to you we are passing on our saving in handling the roots in groups. It costs us less to sell you a collection than a group of unrelated roots.

These are all choice roots. You will find their detailed description alphabetically arranged in this catalog. If you have limited space in your garden we advise two collections just alike rather than two different collections. Then plant the two like roots together in the Floristan Gardens manner of planting. You will receive complete planting instructions with the roots.

**Floristan Gardens - Rt. 2, Box 808 - Bellevue, Washington**



## THE CHEERFUL REDS

We have divided these reds into two groups, the reds on the orange side and the reds on the blue side. They can be used together, or you may want to combine the reds on the orange side with the yellow group to make a dashing use of colors; or the reds on the blue side with the violets and plums to make a royal splendor.

### REDS ON THE ORANGE SIDE

Satan, Eleanor Fish, Fuga, Black Dave, Helen S., Nine o'Clock and Bantam — 7 named dahlias,  
 a \$6.75 value for.....\$5.75  
 2 of these collections.....\$11.00

### REDS ON THE BLUE SIDE

Rouge Bouquet, Jerry, Betty Berney, Mrs. F. F. Powell, Jack Be Gay, Helen Herrick Malsed, Doria and Vivian — 8 named dahlias, a \$7.75 value for.....\$7.00  
 2 of these collections.....\$13.00  
 The TWO REDS — BOTH ORANGE AND BLUE, a \$14.50 value for.....\$12.00  
 2 of these collections.....\$23.00



HELEN HERRICK MALSED



SUZANNE DIMM

## THE SUNSHINE COLORS

### The Yellows into Brownish Buff

For your convenience, we have arranged this group into two smaller collections, both with a wide range in the yellow tones. Either collection will give you dahlias in a variety of sizes and types. The combined collections will make a brilliant splash of bright color.

### YELLOW NUMBER ONE

Suzanne Dimm, Rockley Moon, Mrs. Stephen Conway, Taaka's Yellow and Renee — 5 named dahlias, a \$7.00 value for.....\$6.25  
 2 of these collections.....\$11.50

### YELLOW NUMBER TWO

Ruth White Fratt, Katherine Cowan, Miss Puget, Margaret Ivy, Sylvia Johnson, Dora Loues Miller and Shirley Gorgen — 7 named dahlias, a \$7.50 value for....\$6.75  
 2 of these collections.....\$12.50  
 THE TWO YELLOW COLLECTIONS, a \$14.50 value for.....\$12.00  
 2 of these collections.....\$23.00



## THE ROYAL SHADES

### Purples, Lavenders, Fuchsias

These delightful colors are as charming in the garden as they are flattering in the costume. Truly these are the royal shades. For those with smaller gardens we have arranged these dahlias into two smaller collections, but we urge those who can to order the both groups for a wide rich range of lovely color.

#### ROYAL NUMBER ONE

Blue Horizon, Lillian Noser, Pat Delsman, Helen An'ta and Wine Drop — 5 named dahlias,

a \$5.50 value for.....\$5.00  
2 of these collections.....\$9.00

#### ROYAL NUMBER TWO

Royal Pennant, Blue River, Betty Ann, Kentucky Colonel, Rose Gray and Classman — 6 named dahlias,

a \$4.25 value for.....\$3.75  
2 of these collections.....\$6.75

#### THE TWO ROYAL COLLECTIONS.

a \$9.75 value for.....\$8.50  
2 of these collections.....\$15.50

## THE SOFT AND LOVELY PINKS

So delicate and dainty that they are often lost when planted alone, these exquisite shades of pink are delightful when presented in groups. They take on character and force from each other yet are subtly and tenderly charming by themselves. The two collections listed are presented separately for the convenience of those with smaller garden space, but the dahlias in the two collections are so beautiful together it seems a pity not to plant all of them so they can paint their own rosy picture.

#### PINK NUMBER ONE

Bridesmaid, Frances Norquist, Skipper and Nellie Fraser — 4 named dahlias, a \$6.00 value for.....\$5.25  
2 of these collections.....\$9.50

#### PINK NUMBER TWO

Ellen Worthern, Miss Boeing, Fairy and Marjorie — 4 named dahlias, a \$4.50 value for.....\$4.00  
2 of these collections.....\$7.00  
THE TWO PINK COLLECTIONS, a \$10.50 value for.....\$9.50  
2 of these collections.....\$18.00

## THE CHASTE AND FORMAL WHITE DAHLIAS

Use all white for a moonlight garden or for an eye-resting, cool looking spot near a garden bench. These white dahlias are handsome in arrangements for formal rooms and settings, and of course, are ideal to use for wedding and altar arrangements. D'Arcy Sainsbury, Jersey's Dainty, Salback's White, Snow White, Coronne, Pearl R. and Connie Patterson — 7 named dahlies, a \$5.00 value for.....\$4.25  
2 of these collections.....\$8.00



Arrangement for a Formal room of the dahlia CONNIE PATTERSON with Aspidistra Ludra in a white bowl, by Mrs. Ralph C. Parkhurst. Photograph by Walter R. Dimm.





FORMAL DECORATIVE



INFORMAL DECORATIVE



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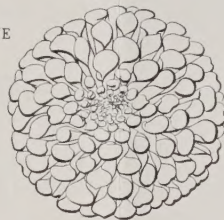
ORCHID



SINGLE



DUPLEX



BALL



ANEMONE



COLLARETTE



PEONY

f.d. formal decorative  
i.d. informal decorative  
pom. pompon  
cos. cosmos  
c. cactus

s.c. semi-cactus  
o. orchid  
single single  
dup. duplex  
ba. ball

an. anemone  
coll. collarette  
p. peony  
min. miniature—any type  
under 4 inches in diameter  
excluding pompons.

## Floristan Gardens BEAUTIFUL PEDIGREED DAHLIAS

Since space in this list is limited we have not endlessly repeated descriptions of qualities that each of our dahlias share. **Every FLORISTAN GARDENS PEDIGREED DAHLIA** presented here has a long, strong vital stem, except one, and the description of this carries notation of its short length. Each bloom has good facing habits. Each dahlia is strong, healthy and disease-resistant. In fact, all conform to the finest dahlia standards.

### IF YOU LIKE LARGE DAHLIAS, WE RECOMMEND THESE . . . .

**ALICE McLEAN** s.c. Bloom 8" x 5". Bush 4½'.

Dark, velvety red with petals twisting to show a silvery maroon reverse. Beautiful in formation, it has a high, tight center, long stems and good substance. A prolific bloomer and an early one. . . . .75c

**AUDREY** f.d. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 10" x 6". Bush 4'.

A freely formed, high crowned bloom of blended color in which old rose, mauve, pink and gold are discernible, and which combine into an exquisite neutral hue that may be used with any color. Petals are very broad and show the bud folds into maturity. Foliage heavy and deep green. This flower always creates attention. . . .75c

**BEAUTY** c. Bloom 6" x 5". Bush 6'.

This crystal yellow is a beautiful bloom to use as an accent in a flower arrangement. The petals are twisting and quite incurved. It's one of the best cactus dahlias for cut flowers and the garden. . . . . \$1.00

**BLUE HORIZON** i.d. (Tryon-Franklin) Bloom 10" x 4". Bush 6'.

Winner of the American Home Achievement Medal and Honor Roll Dahlia. The large French violet blooms have a decided blue cast. The long petals are pointed and the centers are absolutely tight. A good stiff stem holds the flower well out of the foliage. Low branching laterals. This has been a consistent prize winner in the Pacific Northwest. Excellent keeping qualities on the bush and when cut. . . . . \$2.50

**BLUE RIVER** f.d. (Salem) Bloom 9" x 3". Bush 4'.

The nearest to blue in dahlias—a rich, French violet—a striking and lovely tone and a beautiful freely petaled bloom. . . . .50c

**BOBBE DEANE** f.d. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 8" x 6". Bush 7'.

Storrs Connecticut Trial Gardens says it is "geranium pink with maize yellow". East Lansing, Michigan, Trial Gardens says it is a "La France pink with warm buff". At any rate, the color is exquisite and the flower is as hardy and strong as it is beautiful. A wonderful keeper. Under trial as a cut flower, it was kept by the United Florists for 18 days in good condition. By hundreds of professional men it is considered the best cut flower ever produced. A generous bloomer. . . . . \$2.00

**BRIDESMAID** f.d. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 8" x 7". Bush 6'.

Silvery pink with the silver showing in the veinings and in a sheen over the broad and pointed petals. These twist and turn to such a degree as they ball toward the back that this dahlia also could be called an Informal. Foliage is a bright green. This is one of our favorites as it has all the fine Floristan Gardens' good points. \$1.00.



**CAVALCADE** f.d. Bloom 8" x 5". Bush 5½'.

An exquisite flower in a rosy mulberry with a golden sheen. The many petals are narrow and pointed, the center tight and low. The bloom faces out and slightly up on long, straight stems. Foliage is very stiff and heavy. ....50c

**C. F. c.** (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 5" x 4". Bush 6'. A rich rose pink. Petals are so tightly revolute that a reverse of silver shows only on outer petals, in the tips, and near the heart of the bloom, where it blends into the chartreuse of the sepals. A constant bloomer—early and late. Only a slight difference in the size of the blooms throughout the season.....\$1.50

**CHARLES MASTIC** f.d. (Mastic) Bloom 8" x 3½". Bush 4'.

A one-toned bloom of a rich golden orange that in some seasons shows a pinkish cast. This flower has a fascinatingly different, stream-lined shape. It does not begin to round back until the petals in the last outer rows make a sudden sweep stemward. The young unfolding petals at the full center are gracefully curled. The maturing petals are broad and look as though they were ruffled on. An especially fine cut flower. ....75c.

**CLARA CARDER** f.d. Bloom 12" x 3". Bush 3½'. A true pink. This old favorite has a compact bloom and for all its huge size gives the impression of daintiness. A very good cut flower. ....75c

**CLASSMAN** i.d. Bloom 10" x 7". Bush 6'. An especially striking combination of gold with rosy purple showing in the veins and reverse of the broad, rather flat petals. These twist and turn in a shaggy ball-like bloom that is almost as deep as it is wide. ....50c.

**COLLEEN MOORE** f.d. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 6" x 5". Bush 6'.

A bronze yellow with reflex of pink giving the bloom exciting shadows. A full sister of Bobbe Deane. The center is tightly curled. Bloom balls back so that it is almost completely round, and lifts high from very long straight stems. Bush blooms constantly. Foliage light shining green. A great favorite with florists and our customers who are proud of their arrangements. ....\$2.00

**CONVENTION CITY** i.d. (Hulin) Bloom 10" x 7". Bush 6'. The hammered copper of this free and open flower is suffused with autumn shades. This is a striking dahlia to use in auditoriums, lobbies and large rooms, and it is equally beautiful in the garden. A prolific bloomer. \$1.00

**CORNELIA BRYCE PINCHOT** i.d. (Veile and Mendham) Bloom 10" x 5". Bush 5'.

A huge, shaggy dahlia with very wide petals that roll and curl from a high, deep colored center. As the bloom opens it is a clear, dark burgundy. The maturing outer petals show a glistening silver sheen in reverse and brighten into luscious rich blending fuchsia. ....75c

**DAD SMITH** f.d. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 7" x 5". Bush 5'.

A flaming Imperial yellow and scarlet. Very compact petals, rather flat and evenly placed. The straightness of the stems, the placement of the blooms, and the substance of the flower make this an outstanding dahlia. It can take abuse before and after picking and remain fresh. Wonderful for shipping and arrangements. A heavy bloomer. This is one of our finest creations. Took Sweepstakes two years in succession in pre-war Holland; Portland (Oregon) Gold Cup and many other awards .....\$1.00

**D'ARCY SAINSBURY** f.d. (Australia) Bloom 9" x 4". Bush 5'.

This is one of the finest of large white dahlias. They are the palest of tones of green gold at the petal base, and twist to the outside edge of the florets. A wonderful flower to keep fresh under trying conditions. Excellent for weddings and beautiful in the garden. ....75c

**DEUIL de ROI ALBERT** i.d. Bloom 5" x 4". Bush 4'.

A popular dahlia for its bi-color, maroon tipped white, and also for its rounded form. While classed as an informal decorative it is so nearly a ball in type that it almost could be classified as one. ....50c

**DORA LOUES MILLER** f.d. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 14" x 8". Bush 4'.

An unusual and very beautiful mellowed shade of old gold and orange. The petals are slightly involute, broad and rounding at the tips. The bloom is compact with a ball-like center. Flower faces out on exceedingly long, strong stems. Bushy well shaped plant. This dahlia will win prizes wherever shown. ....\$2.00

**DOROTHY STONE** f.d. Bloom 10" x 5". Bush 5'.

Here is another huge lady whose beautiful true pink color and long and narrow florets give her a lovely grace. The foliage of this dahlia is very decorative. It is variegated, with very light green, almost white, veins forming patterns in the dark green of the leaves. ...\$1.00

**ELEANOR FISH** f.d. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 10" x 4½". Bush 5'.

A bright, rich clear red. Petals are wide, flat and curl toward the back. A very high center. The favorite red of the florists. It's the heaviest bloomer we have. ...\$1.00

**ELLEN WORTHERN** s.c. (Garrity) Bloom 14" x 9". Bush 6'.

Salmon pink with no variation of color from center to back. Exceedingly long and very narrow florets loosely and gracefully placed. The flower balls back almost to the stem and is always over half as deep as it is wide. This dahlia always has the fresh appearance of a young bloom .....50c.

**HARRY CROSLY** s.c. (Franklin Gardens) Bloom 9" x 4". Bush 4½'.

Honor Roll and Achievement Medal Dahlia. A beautiful flower with a warm apricot blending into a delicate yellow, especially at the base of the high, tight apricot center, and showing blush pink when looked at from the back or the sides. A very good cut flower. ....\$1.50

**JERSEY'S DAINTY** c. Bloom 6" x 3". Bush 4'.

This old favorite is a wonderful white dahlia, a profuse bloomer and a very good cut flower. ....50c

**KATHERINE COWAN** f.d. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 7" x 4". Bush 5'.

When the bud opens, the folded florets are a bright wine color. As the florets mature and flatten out, this winey shade concentrates into several delicate hair lines that vein each brilliant Imperial yellow petal. There is no suffusion of color. This is one of Floristan Gardens' best, both for cutting and as a garden type. The bloom stays on the bush for days and does not shatter. Excellent for massing. ....\$1.00

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**KENTUCKY COLONEL** f.d. Bloom 7" x 4". Bush 6'.

A rich rosy violet blending into silvered blue violet at the tight center. An exceptionally beautiful flower and a hardy one. The petals are narrow and long and twist at the pointed tips. Foliage is heavy and deep green. 50c

**LILLIAN NOSER** f.d. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 14" x 8". Bush 4'.

This huge bloom is a soft lavender pink with silver veining and a silver sheen over the very broad petals. The center is tightly curled with deeper lavender showing in the pink. Some petals are slightly involute, giving an especial gracefulness to the large disc-shaped blooms. A handsome dahlia with all of Floristan Gardens' best features. ....\$1.00

**LINK'S GORGEOUS** i.d. (Link-Premier) Bloom 8" x 5". Bush 4½'.

A beautiful blending of sunshine yellow and bright rosy pink with the rose suffusing and hairlining the yellow center of the petals, and outlining each petal edge. The resultant color combination is soft, yet glowing. The quite pointed, but very broad petals, seem to be ruffled, so compact is the bloom. ....\$1.50

**MABLE ARUNDEL** f.d. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 9" x 5". Bush ½'.

A most exceptionally beautiful bloom of delicate colors that blend from lavender shadings into apricot into gold at the tight high center, and with a golden blending in the reverse and at the tips of the pointed petals. Gracefully placed petals that turn a little at the tips. Heavy thick foliage. One of our finest creations. ....\$2.00

**MARGARET IVY** s.c. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 8" x 6". Bush 5'.

One tone of orange apricot. Petals are so revolute and pointed they seem especially narrow. Flower is open. Center exceedingly high. Foliage quite heavy. This is a temperamental beauty but well worth the effort to grow it .....\$1.00

**MARY ELLEN FORHAN** s.c. (Forhan-Franklin) Bloom 12" x 8". Bush ½'.

Place on the 1943 Honor Roll, three Achievement Medals and a number of blue ribbons are the proud distinctions of this huge, rich crimson dahlia. The petals darken toward the center and a spot of gold at each petal base gives the bloom a glowing depth. The lighter reverse shows in the twist and curl of the long florets. Foliage is dark green, with good substance, but medium size. ....\$1.50

**MAY WARNER** f.d. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 6" x 4". Bush 4'.

A silvery delicate pink that looks fresh even when almost falling to pieces. Petals are open and pointed. This is an ideal dahlia for mass planting and borders. All it needs is crowning out. It grows to a uniform height. The new blooms cover the old which do not require picking. The blooms are on top of short straight stems at foliage height and the bush looks like a huge bouquet .....50c

**MISS BOEING** f.d. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 7" x 5". Bush 6'.

A soft true pink with just a suggestion of peach. The high centered flower is so free and open it could be classed also as an Informal. A profuse bloomer with exceedingly long stems that hold the long-lived blooms high. An outstanding dahlia. ....\$3.00

**MISS PUGET** f.d. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 9" x 4". Bush 4'.

A delightful buff with a delicate pink flush. Petals of the disc-like bloom are broad, flat and pointed at the tips. The center is compact and ball-like. This dahlia, by crowning out, can be effectively used for borders, and mass plantings and equally good for cutting. 50c

**MRS. F. F. POWELL** f.d. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 8" x 7". Bush 6'.

One beautiful constant tone of Spanish scarlet tempered with madder. Will not sunfade. Petals are broad and twist slightly. Flower is open and faces out and up. Foliage exceedingly heavy and rough. A wonderful garden and cut flower. ....75c

**MRS. HAL L. SMITH** i.d. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 10" x 6". Bush 6'.

This 1946 introduction is a hauntingly beautiful and quite indescribable color — a delicate, iridescent mother-of-pearl blending. The petals are narrow and twisting and the bloom rounds back gracefully so that the full size of the bloom isn't realized at once — it looks like a huge, graceful ball. The flowers face up and out on wonderful long stems and are particularly delightful in arrangements. We tried to get colored photographs of an exquisite arrangement of Mrs. Hal L. Smith with autumn foliage made by Mrs. Ralph C. Parkhurst, but the colors were too elusive to catch on film. We'll try again. \$5.00



The colors in this arrangement by Mrs. Ralph C. Parkhurst are as burnished as the copper container. Textures are also suitable. The dahlias are JUNE ST. CLAIR and HELEN HERRICK MALSIED. Photograph by Roy Leiser.



**NAGEL'S ORANGE** c. Bloom 5" x 4". Bush 6'.

These almost round blooms are in one tone of beautiful warm orange. The very long slender petals are slightly incurved and the blooms lift on long, strong stems. A wonderful cut flower.....\$1.00

**NEVA AIREY HARRIS** f.d. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 10" x 4". Bush 5'.

A magnificent dahlia in a range of yellow that blends from the rich, creamy yellow of the outer petals into the Imperial yellow center. Occasional petals show a suffusion of lavender—very faint—in the creamy tones, and sometimes the petal shows a soft—very soft—suggestion of blush pink. You have to look to see these lavender pink tones, but they give depth and sparkle to the bloom. This is a wonderful dahlia with all of our fine characteristics, and we're very proud of it.....\$3.00

**PANTATA** f.d. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 12" x 6". Bush 4'.

One of our 1946 Introductions. An exceedingly beautiful dahlia in a brilliant molten copper tone with light tango showing in the reverse of the twisty petals. They face up and out on exceedingly long stems. The foliage on the four-foot bush is dark green, long and large. When we can produce this in sufficient quantity to bring the price down, this dahlia will be striking in massed plantings. It is lovely for arrangements. The colors blend beautifully with fall foliage.....\$5.00

**PINK ALICE** s.c. (Franklin Gardens) Bloom 8" x 5". Bush 4½'.

An Achievement Medal winner in soft, rose pink, with petals twisting to show a slightly lighter reverse. A sport of Alice McLean, this handsome dahlia has all of the fine qualities of Alice McLean—the high, tight center, the long stems, the good substance. Early, and a prolific bloomer.....\$5.00

**ROCKLEY MOON** f.d. (Morgan) Bloom 7" x 4½". Bush 5'.

A clear sunshine yellow with rounded tight center and large broad round florets. The flower faces out — an old dahlia but a beautiful one. It's our favorite yellow .....50c

**ROUGE BOUQUET** c. Bloom 8" x 4". Bush 6'

A gorgeous pigeon-blood red with a suffusion of royal plum at the tips, and an introduction of orange at the base of the petals. This striking flower has long, fully revolute, loosely placed petals and an exceedingly high crown. The dense foliage is quite lacy.....50c

**ROYAL PENNANT** i.d. (Fenton-Kemp) Bloom 10" x 6". Bush 5'.

Rich, lush royal purple which does not sunfade. The color is constant. The broad pointed petals twist and are loosely placed. Center is high and deeper in tone. Flower faces out and up. A good cut flower and an excellent garden variety as well. Not early but very good .....75c

**RUTH WHITE FRATT** f.d. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 7" x 4". Bush 5'.

A fresh tawny buff with a delicate pink sheen. The many petals are pointed and fit snugly in a tight, compact, very formal rounded bloom. The foliage is stiff and heavy. Laterals are well placed. This is another of Floristar Gardens' dahlias with all the wonderful qualities we are proud to present. Excellent for mass plantings as well as cut flowers.....\$1.50



In this arrangement by Mrs. Ralph C. Farkhurst, begonia leaves climb a semi-spiral to reflect and flatter the ruffled, rosy MRS. FRANK GORDON JAMES. A few white mums pick up the white of the Chinese compote. Photograph by Roy Leiser.

**SALBACH'S WHITE** f.d. Bloom 6" x 3". Bush 6'.

This is an old standby for florists. The very formal, waxy white saucer-like blooms with their even compact petals are wonderful cut flowers. They are very useful in wedding arrangements and for formal rooms.....50c

**SATAN** c. Bloom 12" x 4". Bush 5'.

This is one of the largest true cactus dahlias grown. It is a very old dahlia and always a great favorite for its striking size, color and beauty. A vivid scarlet with orange yellow at the petal base.....75c

**SANHICAN'S CAMEO** f.d. Bloom 10" x 5". Bush 6'.

While this lovely cameo pink dahlia is a formal decorative, here and there a petal is turned up, giving the bloom a pert and saucy face.....75c

**SHOREY'S INSPIRATION** f.d. (Shorey) Bloom 5" x 4". Bush 6'.

These dainty blooms are a soft yellow tipped with baby pink. The flowers are small enough under ordinary culture to be classed as miniatures. By disbudding blooms can be grown to 5". A striking flower and stately bush .....\$1.50

**SILVA QUATA** ba. Bloom 5" x 5". Bush 4'.

This perfectly round ball dahlia wears delicately quilted petals of silvery orchid and is a charming flower for both garden and arrangements.....50c

**SNOW WHITE** ba. Bloom 5" x 5". Bush 5'.

This is another favorite of the florists. Its almost perfect pure white balled bloom will stand a lot of abuse in shipping. It is used for wedding backgrounds and in arrangements. A good bloomer.....50c

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**SUZANNE DIMM** f.d. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 9" x 5".  
Bush 6'.

A 1946 Introduction of which we are proud. The color is a warm buff with an orange tone. It softens to a tan at the petal base. All the colors deepen at the center of the bloom. It is an especially fine cut flower and lasts for days on the bush in the garden. The blooms face out and up on very long stems. The medium sized foliage is leathery and stiff. ....\$5.00

**SYLVIA JOHNSON** f.d. (Franklin Gardens) Bloom 5" x 4". Bush 4½'.

This dahlia gives a wealth of compact sunshine yellow bloom, early and late. The petals are round and lay over each other like fish scales, rounding back almost to the long, strong stem. This is a new dahlia and one we believe will make a place for itself. ...\$2.00

**TOMOSUS, JR.** f.d. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 6" x 4". Bush 7'.

If you look closely you can see three rings, like a target, in this beautiful dahlia's face. The center is tightly folded into a rounded ball; the next ring of three or four rows of florets are slightly unfolded and quite volute. The outer ring is like a frill made up of only slightly volute petals. The exquisite clear bright golden daffodil yellow color seems to come from behind and through the bloom. **A 1947 Introduction** which we think is delightful. ...\$2.50

**TOWER'S EMPIRE** i.d. Bloom 8" x 6". Bush 7'.

The imperial yellow of this old favorite, has an apricot flush. The flower rounds back when in full bloom. Very good for cutting. The foliage is thick and heavy but exceedingly lacy. ....75c

**YELLOW SATAN** c. Bloom 12" x 4". Bush 5'.

A very attractive light lemon yellow cactus with darker similar toned yellow in the veins. As striking in size, color and beauty as Satan. ....75c

**YOUR LUCKY STAR** s.c. Bloom 7" x 5". Bush 6'.

A charming light rose pink with an exceedingly high center in white. The outside petals are a deeper pink. As the flower ages this deeper tone suffuses into the center petals as they open, but the folded center always remains white. It is unusual. ....75c

## IF YOU LIKE THE SMALLER DAHLIAS, WE RECOMMEND THESE . . . .

**BESSIE BLAKE** single (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 5". Bush 6'.

This is a rare flower—a fragrant dahlia. A dazzling white with a shining silver sheen. A delicate lemon halo surrounds the bright gold disc ray. The petals are very broad with the bud folds in ribbed lines running into the pointed tips. When the morning sunshine warms the dew on this dahlia, it has an exquisite sweet fragrance. The stems are long and strong, and it is a prolific bloomer. ....\$3.00

**BETTY MORSE** single. Bloom 2". Bush 5'.

The rounded end of the spoon shaped florets of this bronzy gold attractive little beauty cup up like water lily petals. Long stems. A constant bloomer. ....50c

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**BETTY BERNEY** min. f.d. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 3½" x 2". Bush 4'.

A clear red that does not sunfade. A brilliant scarlet. Petals are pointed. Very compact. Graceful plant that blooms freely. ....50c

**BLACK DAVE** semi-dup. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 2½". Bush 5'.

This hybrid of Black Cosmos and a Zulu dahlia has foliage and stems so very deep a plum that they look almost black. The foliage is exceedingly lacy and fernlike and is beautiful in itself. The very bright velvety red petals form a striking flower. Only the outer ring of the disc ray throws a halo of ruby-marked yellow anthers; the balance of the disc ray is tightly closed and a deep garnet. A profuse bloomer and a very interesting flower. ....\$1.00

**BOB HARRIS** ch. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 3". Bush 4'.

This is an extraordinarily gay novelty in bright claret red with an irregular center stripe of white. Very lacy foliage. Bushy plants with slender graceful laterals. 75c

**CHEERFUL** single. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 2". Bush 2½'.

Pure yellow — clear, one-toned, warm but pure yellow, with a deep gold center. It makes a mass of brilliant bloom when used in a bed by itself or in a border. It's one of the first to bloom and keeps it up all season. **A 1947 Introduction** that we especially like. ....\$1.00

**CLIO** s.c. Bloom 3½" x 2". Bush 3'.

There is a suffusion of cream at the base of the sea shell pink petals. The bloom is mushroom shaped. Very attractive. ....75c

**CORONNE** f.d. Bloom 2" x 1½". Bush 3'.

The waxy white petals of this very old favorite unfold like gardenia petals. In fact, the bloom looks like a gardenia. This profuse bloomer withstands sun and rain — a very hardy little flower. Ideal for corsages, bride's bouquets, wedding centerpieces. ....75c

**DOREEN CRANE** c. Bloom 2½" x 2". Bush 2½'.

The orange buff of the long spidery florets have a gold sheen. This dahlia attracts attention in the garden. It is a prolific bloomer. ....75c

**DOT** o. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 3½". Bush 4'.

The surface of the long petal is a silvery white shot with the rose fuchsia of the reverse and deepening to fuchsia on the roll. The roll of the petals is complete with edges tucked completely under. Stems are exceptionally long and strong even for Floristan Gardens' standards. This is a graceful and gay flower for arrangements. ....\$1.00

**DREANA DARLENE** o. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 3½". Bush 4'.

About a third of the surface of the tightly involute petal shows and is old gold with the tomato red of the reverse blushing through in the petal folds. ....\$1.00

**EVELYN** single. Bloom 2". Bush 5'.

The petals of this graceful little flower are white-tipped and suffused rosy lavender. There is a pale gold halo around the bright gold disc. Long stems. ....50c



**FAIRY** min. f.d. Bloom 3½" x 2½". Bush 4'.

A brilliant pink with the honey tone at the base of the open, spoon-shaped petals showing in a scintillating pattern. The high, tight center is a folded, bright lavender. A pretty garden flower and good for cutting. 50c

**FRANCES NORQUIST** min. f.d. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 3½" x 3½". Bush 3'.

A very deep rich pink. The freely placed, narrow graceful petals, the exceptionally high center, the long stems and wonderful keeping qualities make this an especially fine cut flower for arrangements and bridesmaid bouquets. This is a very early variety. We've had it bloom 26 days after planting. Produces quantities of flowers from early to late. Excellent for massing. **A 1944 introduction** .....\$2.50

**FUGA** col. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 4". Bush 6'.

Brilliant tomato red. The long feathery petaloids in the collar are a lighter blending of the same color with tiny occasional flecks of white. The small leaved foliage has a most ornamental crepe-like surface. ....\$1.00

**GRANITE FALLS** coll. (Found in a garden near Granite Falls, Wash.) Bloom 2½". Bush 5'.

Scarlet, tipped yellow, with a yellow collar. This is an old flower that has never lost prestige. A gay, rollicking little bloom that puts laughter in your garden. Charming for arrangements. ....50c

**HELEN HERRICK MALSED** min. coll. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 3". Bush 5'.

Almost black—an exceedingly deep Spanish scarlet with petaloids of the same color but merging into white at their tips. A most unusual flower. The foliage is also exceptional. The blue green leaves are small and pointed and have a crepe-like surface. A very ornamental bush .....\$2.00

**HELEN S.** dup. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 2½". Bush 5'.

This dazzling red has a brownish bronze center and does not sunfade. The decorative dark green foliage is very lacy. A hybrid between Black Cosmos and the dahlia FAIRY. **One of our 1947 Introductions** in which we have a good deal of faith .....\$1.50

**JACK BE GAY** single (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 2". Bush 5'.

A dark rich velvety red with a ruby bronze center. Another new red that does not sunfade. The foliage is so lacy and decorative that this dahlia would be an ornament in the garden if it didn't have a flower. A cross between Black Cosmos and the dahlia DOT, **a 1947 Introduction**. ....\$1.50

**JERRY** single (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 3". Bush 5'.

This very unusual little dahlia is a cross of Black Cosmos with our orchid flowering dahlia DOT. The long, narrow, slightly involute petals are a rich, velvety garnet red. The dark green foliage is so exceptionally lacy that it is almost like a dainty fern. \$1.00

**JUNE ST. CLAIR** min. f.d. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 3½" x 2½". Bush 4'.

A lovely, exceptional shade of coral and buff. A very formal miniature dahlia with a tightly curled center and wonderful long stems. A most profuse bloomer furnishing flowers for cutting all season long. ....\$1.50

**Le ANN H.** f.d. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 2½" x 1½". Bush 3'.

This wee dahlia is a true light pink in one tone, but with a suggestion of silver under the pink that you almost feel rather than see. The bloom faces up and the bush looks like a huge bouquet all during the blooming season. The foliage is heavy and stiff for the size of the plant. We had the experience of cutting a dozen or so Le Ann one very hot day. We were called away and meaning to come back shortly, lay those we had cut down on the ground. We forgot about them for several middle afternoon hours. When we picked them up they were as perky as when they were still on the bush. We put them in water from the tap without any immersing the stems in boiling water or giving them any treatment, and they lasted a week in a good fresh condition. We think Le ANN H is going places. **A 1947 Introduction** .....\$5.00

**LEIDEN'S MINIATURE** c. Bloom less than 2" x 1". Bush 2½'.

About 50% of these charming salmon pink dahlias face up, and the others out on their long stiff stems. Delightful in arrangements. A profuse bloomer. ....50c

**LITTLE JENNIE** s.c. Bloom 3" x 1½". Bush 3'.

The petals of this salmon pink miniature lay close together in very compact formation. Buff shows at the back of the florets and suffuses their edges. A very striking little flower. ....75c



Arrangement by Mrs. Ralph C. Parkhurst of the dahlia RUTH WHITE FRATT with Pine branch and Camelia foliage in a low brownish gray bowl with a similar toned rock as accessory. Photograph by Walter R. Dimm





Mrs. Ralph C. Parkhurst has used cypress in a telling effect in the sturdy glass brick to set off the bronze yellow of Colleen Moore, in a graceful use of the larger dahlias. Photograph by Roy Leiser.

**LITTLE SLAM** c. Bloom 2½" x 2". Bush 2'.

Rosy lavender and silver. Graceful long narrow florets. If blooms are not cut but left on the bush they last about six weeks. It's a wonderful dahlia for massing and borders .....75c

**LITTLE SNOW QUEEN** c. Bloom 2½" x 2": Bush 2'.

Here's another good massing and border dahlia. The blooms are snowy white. It is a wonderful cutting flower and a great favorite for arrangements when white is the color scheme.....75c

**MARJORIE** single (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 2½". Bush 5'.

A bright, shimmering pink overlays and blends with the gold which shows, clear and bright, in a halo around the disc ray. This dahlia is a great favorite with all who see it growing in our gardens. Strong stems.....50c

**MARKET JEWEL** s.c. Bloom 3" x 2". Bush 2½'.

A very striking rich red that does not sunfade. The long stems hold the flowers high above the bush. A constant bloomer. A good cut flower.....50c

**MARY'S BABY** single (Floristan Gardens) Blooms 2½". Bush 4'.

The petals of this **1947 Introduction** are a brilliantly rich rosy pink. It's the bright pink of the pink in beet leaves, or the vivid pink in some begonia leaves. There's a suggestion of gold, more like a dusting over the surface than in the color itself. This dahlia blooms from early in the season to frost.....\$1.50

**MRS. FRANK GORDON JAMES** min. f.d. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 3½" x 2½". Bush 4'.

A true pink—a brilliant flower. Very formal, evenly placed petals. Exceedingly long stems. This dahlia can be cut in the half-opened state and shipped long distances. Will open in water with undiminished rich color and full size. Bushy plants with well placed laterals. One of our own favorite miniatures, and particularly valued by florists.....\$1.50

**MRS. STEPHEN CONWAY** cos. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 2". Bush 4'.

A charming small maize yellow dahlia shaped like a cosmos and with the characteristic cosmos staghorn petals. A new type of which we are exceedingly proud. Especially graceful and pretty in arrangements. The foliage is also unusual and resembles holly.....50c

**MY DELIGHT** f.d. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 3" x 2". Bush 3'.

The North End Garden Club of Seattle named this **1947 Introduction**. The color is scarlet—lovely, rich scarlet, but the interest lies in the feeling of movement given by placement of the petals. These are very long and sweep back from the tight, high pointed center, almost to the stem. It's a mass of scarlet the whole season.....\$2.00

**NINE O'CLOCK** min. f.d. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 2½" x 1½". Bush 4½'.

This is the brightest of clear reds with an odd characteristic. 95% of the blooms have one slender hair line of bright yellow, which is usually in the position of the hour hand at nine o'clock. The petals are exceptionally broad and free for such a small flower, giving it the look of a soft rosette. The center is exceedingly tight, the stems, very long. This little dahlia has a great deal of substance.....\$1.00

**PAT DELSMAN** o. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 3½". Bush 4'.

The silvery surface of the tightly involute petals shows only in a halo around the disc ray. The reverse of the staghorn petals is a beautiful shade of naphthalene purple with a rosy cast.....\$1.00

**PATRICIA MALONEY** min. f.d. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 2" x 1". Bush 2½'.

A suffusion of apricot and buff. The well placed petals are rather long and slightly revolute. Blooms profusely early and late. In the garden the flowers stay fresh for an exceptionally long time. Excellent for massing and arrangements. One of our finest miniatures.....\$1.00

**PEARL R.** o. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 3". Bush 2'. Pure, pearly white. A charming little flower for set arrangements. Flowers lift high above compact bush. The smallest of our orchid flowering dahlias. A dahlia which you will like.....\$1.00

**RENEE** min. s.c. (Meneghel) Bloom 2" x 1½". Bush 3'. An exquisitely dainty, long and narrow petaled little flower, straw yellow at the center and blending into a warm buff with pinkish tones. A delightful flower for small arrangements. A heavy bloomer.....50c

**SHIRLEY GORGEN** min. double cos. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 2". Bush 2½'.

A delicate peach yellow with seven to ten rows of stag horn florets that seem to be shirred on in even, dainty rows around the bright disc ray. A charming little dahlia .....50c

**SKIPPER** col. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 3". Bush 6'. This very unusual dahlia is a silvery white, splashed with rose pink and lavender. Unusual, because it has a double row of white petaloids as long as the florets, giving the bloom an exquisitely graceful and feathery appearance. Both petals and petaloids show green gold at the base. We frequently have stems three feet long without special cultivation. A tall attractive plant. Unexcelled for gardens or cutting. The finest collarette we have produced .....\$2.00



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**SWALLOW** coll. Bloom 2½". Bush 6'.

Delicate looking, this waxy, silvery white collarette with its pure white collar, can stand wind, water, heat or cold and keep untouched looking. Needless to say, it's an exceptionally good cut flower.....50c

**VARITY WADSWORTH** f.d. Bloom 3" x 2". Bush 4'.

The very formal florets of this bright yellow dahlia fit snugly and close. An excellent flower for bouquets. 50c

**VELMA SALA** min. ba. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 3" x 2". Bush 5'.

A charming old rose and citron yellow suffusion. The well formed flower is very formal with petals that are evenly placed. Very good for arrangements if used alone. This dahlia does not like company.....75c

**VIVACIOUS** o. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 3½". Bush 4'.

The petals of the mature bloom are a golden flesh tone, suffused with suggestions of coppery pink around the prominent green gold disc ray. When it first opens, the flower is a bright lemon yellow. It is fascinating to watch the colors change in the space of hours.....\$1.00

**VIVIAN** o. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 3½". Bush 4'.

A dark poinsettia red of one shade throughout and with petals loosely involute. A pretty and graceful little flower with exceedingly long stems.....\$1.00

**WINE DROP** min. f.d. (Kanouse) Bloom 2" x 1". Bush 2½'.

Wine red with a purple cast. Short broad petals that lay flat and snug. A very high center for such a small flower. Bush is compact and blooms constantly so that this dahlia is delightful used for mass plantings as well as wonderful for cut flowers.....50c

## GROW POMPONS FOR YOUR ARRANGEMENTS

**BABY BETH** pom. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 1½" x 1½". Bush 3'.

An exquisite pure white that does not yellow and that has substance and stamina to stand abuse. Slightly quilled, pointed florets. Very compact. We've used this most successfully in wedding bouquets. It holds up out of water for hours. Good garden flower too. Profuse bloomer. Bush is sturdy with well placed laterals.\$1.00

**CONNIE PATTERSON** pom. (Floristan Gardens) Bloom 1½" x 1½". Bush 3'.

A pure white with a delicate honey colored cast at the base of the florets. Very even and formal. This is another charming dahlia we've successfully used for wedding bouquets and arrangements. Will stand up fresh and lovely for hours out of water. Will tolerate any soil or weather condition. Will bloom profusely anywhere. An exceptionally wonderful flower for which we cannot say too much.....\$1.00

**DAINTY MISS** pom. (Hulin) Bloom 2" x 2". Bush 3'.

An exceedingly light seashell pink with the shadows in the deep-cupped, tiny petals giving the bloom a deeper tone. A very even and formal, dainty little flower that nevertheless is able to withstand handling and wear in corsages and bridesmaid bouquets...\$1.00

The following Pompons are 50c each:

**ARTHUR**, vivid red.

**BABY**, white flushed lavender.

**BANTAM**, bright red.

**DORIA**, purple maroon.

**GLOW**, old rose.

**GOLDIE B.**, old gold.

**HAZEL DELL**, pink, cerise-edged.

**HELEN ANITA**, lavender, white eye.

**JOE FETTL**, white.

**LITTLE EDITH**, yellow, edged red.

**LITTLE SNOWBALL**, white.

**MIKE**, orange red.

**MINNIE MILLS**, orchid rose.

**NELLIE FRASER**, light pink, edged deeper pink.

**PATRICIA K.**, white, flushed orchid pink.

**ROSE GRAY**, lavender on the blue side.

**TAAKA'S YELLOW**, bright yellow.

## AN INVITATION

You are cordially invited to visit Floristan Gardens when our dahlias are in bloom. They are at their peak in late August, September, and early October. We are at home every Sunday between eleven in the morning and seven-thirty o'clock in the afternoon. Other days we will be happy to make an appointment if you will send us a card.

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From Lake Center, which is the new addition to Bellevue on the east shore of Lake Washington, drive about two miles east on the Redmond Road to 134th N.E. Turn north here (left) to N.E. 16th St. (a distance of about two blocks). Turn west (left again) on the blind road, and—Floristan Gardens.



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